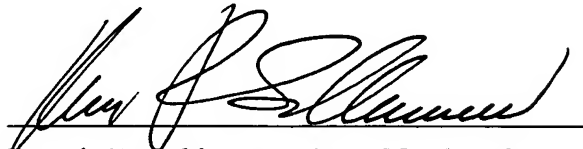


REMARKS

By the foregoing Preliminary Amendment, the specification and claims have been amended to improve their form and eliminate multiple dependent claims.

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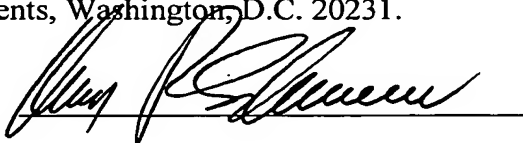
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**AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION, CLAIMS, AND ABSTRACT
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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, delete lines 1-10.

[[Patent application]]

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[Title of the invention]

Sheet-guiding device for a printing machine]

At page 2, delete line 1 and insert the following headings:

[[Description]]

SHEET-GUIDING DEVICE FOR A PRINTING MACHINE

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

At page 2, delete line 8 and insert the following heading:

[[Prior art]]

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

At page 4, delete line 22 and insert the following heading:

[[Object of the invention]]

OBJECTS AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Delete the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 36 to page 9, line 7 and insert the following:

[[Examples]

The invention is to be explained in more detail using an exemplary embodiment. In the drawings, in schematic form:

Fig. 1 shows a sheet-fed rotary printing machine,

Fig. 2 shows a sheet-guiding device in the area of the printing nip.]

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent upon reading the following detailed description and upon reference to the drawings, in which:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIGURE 1 is a partially schematic side elevational view of a sheet fed rotary printing machine having sheet-guide devices in accordance with the invention; and

FIG. 2 is an enlarged schematic of one of the sheet-guide devices in accordance with the invention.

While the invention is susceptible of various modifications and alternative constructions, a certain illustrative embodiment thereof has been shown in the drawings and will be described below in detail. It should be understood, however, that there is no intention to limit the invention to the specific form disclosed, but on the contrary, the intention is to cover all modifications, alternative constructions, and equivalents falling within the spirit and scope of the invention.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Rewrite claims 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17 and 18 as follows:

5. (Amended) Sheet-guiding device according to Claim 1 [and 2], characterized in that the plate/film (11) is a relief printing plate.

6. (Amended) Sheet-guiding device according to [at least] Claim 1, characterized in that the rotatable blanket/plate cylinder (12, 2) can be positioned in a print off position.

7. (Amended) Sheet-guiding device according to [at least] Claim 1, characterized in that the rotatable blanket/plate cylinder (12, 2) can be positioned with a defined printing pressure.

10. (Amended) Sheet-guiding device according to Claim 1 [and 8], characterized in that in the cracks, gaps or pores in the chromium, aluminium or anodized aluminium surface, the plate/film (11) has inlays of at least one fluoropolymer.

13. (Amended) Sheet-guiding device according to Claim 1 [and 12], characterized in that the release agent contains at least silicone and/or water.

14. (Amended) Sheet-guiding device according to Claim 1 [and 12], characterized in that the release agent can be transferred to the plate/film (11) that is fixed to the plate cylinder (2) via the metering system (4) and the applicator roll (3).

15. (Amended) Sheet-guiding device according to Claim 1 [and 12], characterized in that the release agent can be transferred to the plate/film (11) by means of a spray device that extends in the axial direction over the width of the plate cylinder (2).

17. (Amended) Sheet-guiding device according to Claim 1 [and 16], characterized in that a temperature control device supplying cold air is assigned adjacent to the plate/film (11).

18. (Amended) Sheet-guiding device according to Claim 1 [and 16], characterized in that the blanket/plate cylinder (2) carrying the plate/film (11) can have its temperature controlled within the cylinder circumference.

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Amendments to the abstract:

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[[Abstract]]

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

At page 17, delete line 18:

[Fig. 1]

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